



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Rhode Island Agriculture Day

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of the citizens of Rhode Island, I am proud to join with farmers and friends of agriculture and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's Division of Agriculture in recognizing Rhode Island Agriculture Day; and

**WHEREAS**, agriculture is a vital part of our lives and represents our nation's most basic and necessary industry, symbolizes a significant sector of our state's economy, and is essential to the open spaces and environment of Rhode Island; and

**WHEREAS**, agriculture is over a one hundred million dollar per year industry in Rhode Island that encompasses a large and diverse nursery and horticultural industry, fruit and vegetable farms, numerous farmers' markets and roadside stands, a diverse livestock industry, aquaculture, vineyards, agri-tourism and local foods; and

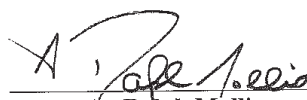
**WHEREAS**, as Governor, I am pleased to join with all Rhode Islanders as we celebrate Agriculture Day in our state, and to recognize the contributions of our fellow citizens who work in and support the agriculture sector in Rhode Island; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2011 as Rhode Island Agriculture Day and urge all Rhode Islanders to join me in recognizing the importance of this day.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011

  
Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State

